

1. The National Intelligence Survey proposed on petroleum is understood as intending to cover some 105 countries including colonies, islands and geographic areas not classified as countries.

2. To make these proposed surveys, the Munitions Board Petroleum Committee will probably have to go outside its own files for much of its information on foreign countries. It will necessarily have to call eventually upon US petroleum companies for a large part of the latest facts it will need to make the surveys meet up-to-date intelligence requirements.

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3. It is known that portions of the PAW information have been acquired by the Industrial Register, CIA, but it is believed that all PAW files should be obtained by CIA from Archives by presidential order so that further and complete examination can be made. This applies especially to the files of the Security Division of the PAW which made a comprehensive study of sabotage possibilities in the US petroleum industry.

4. Another important group of files which should be indexed if not filed in CIA, and which will probably be related to the proposed National Intelligence Surveys before we are through with them are those in the F.B.I. which cover studies of sabotage possibilities in the foreign operations of the US and British oil companies in Western Hemisphere countries outside the USA.

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7. Entirely apart from the impending National Intelligence Survey of the petroleum industry in some 108 geographical and political entities, there is the imperative need to organize the available foreign intelligence information on petroleum which is in Washington and determine the facts which are necessary to retain and to extend. Only by doing so can an organized, intelligent, and efficient collection effort be established and continuously maintained by Contact Division over the ensuing years. The National Intelligence Surveys will go a long way in giving the broad outlines to be followed for future collection of petroleum intelligence information by Contact Division.

8. It is repeated for emphasis that the National Intelligence Surveys on petroleum must be based in a very large part on facts now in possession of the US Government, and on every information available in scores of US petroleum publications, before anything is undertaken through collection for the National Intelligence Surveys. [REDACTED] Contact Division urges that a 25X1X4 comprehensive effort be made set up and index all that available information, regardless of its immediate or direct usefulness, or otherwise, to the National Intelligence Surveys now to be undertaken.

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